

start enforcing the immigration laws already on the books. Until we can accomplish these goals, any so-called "reform plan" will be little more than a recipe for failure.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues join me in standing firm and saying "no" to the Senate's amnesty plan.

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CREATING A LIVABLE WAGE FOR EVERYONE WILLING TO WORK

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it amazes me that we are still talking about raising the minimum wage. What we ought to be talking about is the creation of a livable wage for every person who is willing and able to work. Plus we all know that any increase in wages for those at the bottom will be plowed right back into the economy to help make it strong.

Let's do the sensible thing. Let's make livable wages a reality for all working Americans. Let's let people know that after 40 hours of work, they can pay the rent, buy adequate food, have decent shelter and go to the doctor when they are sick. Surely we can afford that much.

ENDING TERRORISM ONCE AND FOR ALL

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, this morning we have heard some sad reports that the bodies of our missing soldiers have been found.

Mr. Speaker, our hearts are with those families and with our entire Fort Campbell family. And to those who have claimed responsibility, whether they are actually responsible or not, and I want to respond to that statement and quote them, the Mudjadeen Shura Council, they are terrorists, Mr. Speaker, and this is their quote: "The strongest army in the world is turned around, ashamed of their failure."

Mr. Speaker, no, we are ashamed of these, and I use the term lightly, these human beings, who believe they have the right to maim and murder innocent people here in America and in the Middle East and do it in the name of religion.

Mr. Speaker, they could not be more wrong about how this country feels. We are proud of our military men and women, I am so proud of those families at Fort Campbell, and we are proud of the dedication to ending decades of terrorism once and for all.

BRING BACK PAY-AS-YOU-GO BUDGET RULES

(Mr. MILLER of North Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, when President Bush took office, our Nation had a \$5.6 trillion surplus. President Bush said that the surplus proved taxes were too high and called for cutting taxes on the richest Americans.

Then he said because the economy was doing badly, we had to stimulate the economy by cutting taxes on the richest Americans. The richest Americans, President Bush said, would sleep in and spend the afternoon watching soap operas instead of creating jobs for other Americans, unless they got a generous tax cut.

Now President Bush and Congressional Republicans say that the same tax rates on the richest Americans in effect when we had a surplus would now cause the deficit to worsen.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican fondness for cutting taxes on the richest Americans has nothing to do with job creation or stimulating the economy or reducing the deficit. The tax cuts on the richest Americans has resulted in turning a \$5.6 trillion surplus into a \$4 trillion deficit, pushing interest rates up, stagnating savings rates, and dragging the economy down.

My colleagues, Mr. HENSARLING and Mr. MCHENRY, were correct in their remarks a few minutes ago: this Republican Congress has absolutely no discipline on the spending side. But neither do they have any discipline on the tax side.

Mr. Speaker, pay-as-you-go budget rules worked in the 1990s to control the deficit and kept Congress from working on economic fantasies. It is time to bring those rules back.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations Hurricanes.

INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the House should be cited for dereliction of duty. Over the years, we have failed to raise the minimum wage. That is why Amanda and her two children can barely survive in Wisconsin, and why this headline says: "States lead the way to raise minimum wage. Inaction in Washington has helped push this bipartisan effort."

Isn't it a shame that the Republican majority in this Congress doesn't get it? Although we have an amendment to raise the minimum wage in our Labor-HHS bill, there is rumor that it will be stricken.

The minimum wage is the lowest in 50 years and hasn't been raised since 1997. At \$5.15 an hour, you can only earn \$10,700 a year, supporting a family of one, two, three, six and seven and others.

This is a crisis. Americans who earn dollars invest back into our economy.

We cannot make ends meet. Seventy-five percent of those who earn this are responsible for at least half of their family's income. If you can't raise your children on a middle-income salary, how can you do it on one-third the amount?

Democrats believe in increasing the minimum wage, and we know that we will see the minimum wage increase. It is time for Republicans to wake up.

COMEDY CENTRAL AND THE DAILY SHOW COME TO THE HOUSE FLOOR

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, "Comedy Central" and "The Daily Show" have come to the floor of the House. The House Republicans have thrown up their hands and said, save us from ourselves. They are going to come out here with the line item veto.

Now, every single item that goes out of this House has been through a committee chaired by a Republican with a Republican majority on that committee. No single item has gotten out of here that they have not had their look at. They want to slip it into the bill and then send it to the President and run down there to the White House and say, Please, Mr. President, save us from ourselves. We can't stop ourselves. We have to keep spending money.

This is the most ridiculous piece of legislation you have come up with in this session. There is no excuse for it whatsoever. If you can't stop yourselves in the committee, and you can't stop yourselves on the floor, why would you have to call the President?

Do you understand the separation of powers? We are the ones who decide how the money gets spent, not the President. It is your responsibility that you have spent away the surplus into the biggest deficit in history. Shame on you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JAMES CAMERON

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 867) honoring the life and accomplishments of James Cameron, as amended.